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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: IL 1757, SEMI-CONDUCTOR MA-
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REFS: A. COCOM DOC REV (74) 1757/6

B. STATE 271073 AND 272140

C. COCOM DOC (73) 2211

D. COCOM DOC REV (75) 1757/2

E. TTG REPORT OF COTOBER 1975

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B) US ON
NOV.19, STATED ITS PREFERENCE FOR MAINTAINING PRESENT
DEFINITION ON SUB-ITEM (A) AND ITS OBJECTION TO THE BEL-
GIAN PROPOSAL, AMPLIFYING REASONS STATED DURING SECOND
ROUND WITH INTELLIGENCE STATEMENT CARRIED BY SCHROEDER.
BELGIAN DEL EXPRESSED REGRET AT ANOTHER US OBJECTION TO
THEIR PROPOSAL WHICH THEY HAD "PUT FORWARD SINCE L965."

2. US COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (B)(REF A) WAS
AGREED AD REF BY ALL DELEGATIONS EXCEPT THE FRENCH, WHO
RESERVED. ALL WISH TO CHECK THE PROPOSAL FURTHER WITH
THEIR EXPERTS. DUTCH QUESTIONED NEED FOR SPECIFYING
CHARACTERISTICS OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN GALLIUM ARSE-
NIDE, SINCE THEY BELIEVED THOSE OTHERS ARE USED ONLY
FOR LIGHT-EMITTING PURPOSES. THEY ASKED THEREFORE FOR
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STATEMENT BY US OF WHAT OTHER USES WE CONSIDER THEM TO

HAVE. USDEL AGREED TO REFER THIS QUESTION TO HIS AUTHORITIES. FRENCH DEL REFERRED TO US STATEMENT IN PARA 2 OF REF C THAT INFRARED DIODES ARE NOT EMBARGOED AND ASKED WHETHER SUCH DIODES COULD BE PRODUCED WITH THE MATERIALS WHICH COULD BE FREED UNDER THE PROPOSED NEW SUB-ITEM (B). USDEL UNDERTOOK TO CONSULT HIS AUTHORITIES FOR AN ANSWER. FRENCH DEL CRITICIZED US FOR TARDY SUBMISSION OF OUR NEW PROPOSAL AND ABSENCE OF A US EXPERT TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTION. US COUNTER-PROPOSAL RESCHEDULED FOR DEC. 11. (PRIVATELY UKDEL INFORMED USDEL THAT UK HAS PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO DUTCH WITH US-PROPOSED SUB-ITEM (B), BELIEVING THAT US PARAMETERS WHICH AIMED AT COVERING STRATEGIC USE GALLIUM ARSENIDE, ARE INADVERTENTLY EMBARGOING NON-STRATEGIC GRADES OF OTHER GALLIUM COMPOUNDS. HE MENTIONED GALLIUM PHOSPHIDE IN PARTICULAR).

3. ALSO RESCHEDULED FOR DEC. 11 IS THE US PROPOSAL FOR NEW SUB-ITEM (D) (REF D). TO ASSIST IN THE DISCUSSION OF THIS PROPOSAL, WE DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF THE ARTICLE, "NEW MATERIALS, NEW DEVICE" ATTACHED TO REF E. ALL DELEGATIONS EXCEPT JAPAN RESERVED THEIR POSITION; JAPAN CONTINUED TO BE "OPEN-MINDED." NETHERLANDS DEL QUESTIONED PROPOSED EMBARGO OF GENERAL CLASSES OF ITEM WHICH MAY BE OF QUESTIONABLE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE IN THE FUTURE AND ARE ALREADY IN CIVIL USE. POINTING OUT DIFFICULTY FOR EXPERTS IN UNDERSTANDING US PROPOSAL AND EVEN GREATER DIFFICULTY FOR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, HE REQUESTED A SPECIFIC DEFINITION OF THE ITEMS TO BE EMBARGOED. UKDEL ASSOCIATED HIS DELEGATION WITH NETHERLANDS REMARKS AND SUGGESTED INCLUSION OF A VALIDITY NOTE AS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION. USDEL AGREED TO REFER NETHERLANDS REQUEST AND UK SUGGESTION TO HIS AUTHORITIES AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, REQUESTED INSERTION OF "(HETEROEPI TAXIAL)" AFTER "COMPOSITES" TO LEND SPECIFICITY TO US PROPOSAL. FRENCH DEL NOTED THAT, ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE LAST PAGE OF THE ARTICLE WE DISTRIBUTED, GALLIUM ARSENIDES HAVE REMARKABLE ACOUSTICAL PROPERTIES; AND HE REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION ON THESE PROPERTIES. MOREOVER, UKDEL

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ASKED US TO PROVIDE THE SOURCE OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS ARTICLE SO THAT HE CAN OBTAIN THE SOURCE MATERIAL. USDEL AGREED TO FORWARD BOTH THE FRENCH AND BRITISH REQUESTS TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

4. COMMENT: USDEL AND WASHINGTON TEAM MEMBERS FIND IT DIFFICULT TO GAUGE COMMITTEE REACTION TO US INTELLIGENCE STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD AT THE BEGINNING OF IL 1757

DISCUSSION,SINCE AFTER EXPRESSION OF US OBJECTION AND

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BELGIAN REJOINDER, COMMITTEE ATTENTION MOVED TO SUB-ITEM (B). US TEAM RECEIVED NO PRIVATE COMMENTS ON THIS STATEMENT AFTER ADJOURNMENT. ON SUB-ITEM (B),FRENCHON AN OFF-RECORD BASIS BLASTED US FOR AGAIN SUBMITTING NEW PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE THE EFFECT OF TURNING THE CLOCK BACK TO ROUND I.

5.ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS, RESULTS, AND RESPONSES BEFORE DEC. 11 RELATING TO THE FOLLOWING:
(1) REVIEW OF US COUNTER-PROPOSAL FOR SUB-ITEM (B) TO DETERMINE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN GALLIUM ARSENIDE WITH A VIEW TOWARDS OMISSION OF LIMITING CHARACTERISTICS WITH RESPECT TO THEM AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER PROPOSED PARAMETERS WOULD ELIMINATE GALLIUM PHOSPHIDE; (2) REVIEW OF REF C TO DETERMINE WHETHER INFRARED DIODES IN THAT CASE CAN BE PRODUCED WITH THE MATERIATO BE FREED NDER THE PROPOSED PARAMETERS FOR SUB-ITEM (B); (3) THOROUGH REVIEW OF US PROPOSAL FOR NEW SUB-ITEM (D) TO SPECIFICALLY DEFINE,IF POSSIBLE, ITEMS TO BE EMBARGOED AND TO DETERMINE ACCEPTABILITY TO US OF A VALIDITY NOTE ON THIS SUB-ITEM; (4) REVIEW OF THE GALLIUM ARSENIDES TO DETERMINE THEIR ACOUSTICAL PROPERTIES AND (5) PROVISION OF THE SOURCE FOR THE ARTICLE DISTRIBUTED

AT COCOM TO SUPPORT US PROPOSAL FOR NEW SUB-ITEM (D).

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